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1. SINCE REPORTS OF ALITALIA'S PLANS TO INITIATE AIR
SERVICES TO EAST GERMANY NOW CONFIRMED BY EMBASSY ROME
(REFTEL D) DEPARTMENT FAVORS RAISING MATTER DIRECTLY
IN BONN GROUP TO DETERMINE WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, FRG
BELIEVES DESIRABLE. WE WOULD SEE ITALIAN QUESTION AS
PROVIDING USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR BROADGUAGED DISCUSSION
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IN BONN GROUP OF NORTH-SOUTH FLIGHTS TO BERLIN BY NON-

THREE POWER CARRIERS. SHOULD OTHER BONN GROUP MEMBERS EXPRESS INTEREST IN TAKING SOME ACTION, DEPARTMENT WOULD BE PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE THREE PART SCENARIO ORIGINALLY PROPOSED FOR HANDLING TURKISH AIRLINES QUESTION (STATE 195331).

2. FOROME: IF ASKED ABOUT US VIEWS ON ALITALIA FLIGHTS TO SCHOENEFELD YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT US SHARES WITH UK AND FRENCH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BERLIN AVIATION. AT THIS POINT USG ONLY SEEKING CONFIRMATION OF PRESS REPORTS SO THAT MATTER MAY BE DISCUSSED WITH ALLIES. FOLLOWING SUCH DISCUSSIONS WE MAY WISH CONTACT GOI FURTHER ON SUBJECT. KISSINGER

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